OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The company has reported that at the time of Scooter bookings, they have made it clear to the customer that no interest shall be paid in case of cancellation of booking.

(c) The company has reported that money is refunded within approximately 60 days from the date receipt of cancellation advice, when accompanied with necessary documents.

(d) According to the guidelines, the minimum interest paid on deposits should be 7 per cent per annum compounded annually.

Raising the equity share of M/s. Suzuki

1971. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Japanese automobile firm M/s. Suzuki has applied for raising its equity in Maruti Udyog Limited from the present 26 per cent to 40 per cent;

(b) what decision has since been taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) in case no decision has yet been taken by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c). In terms of Joint Venture Agreement Suzuki Motor Company Ltd., has exercised its option to increase its equity holding in Maruti Udyog Ltd, to 40 per cent.

1972. [*Transferred to the 18th March, 1988*].

Delivery of Maruti cars (Standard 800)

1973. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of customers have not taken the delivery of their Maruti cars (Standard 800) although their priority numbers had matured several months ago as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of 17th February, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) About 5500 customers out of 1983 bookings, all of which have matured for delivery, and 10,500 customers out of approximately 35200 allotment nos. matured till 31st December 1987 against bookings made in 1986, had not taken delivery of their cars till end of February, 1988.

Appointment of new LPG dealers, etc.

1974. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new LPG agents and petrol pump agents, agencies, distributors and dealers have been appointed in various parts of Gujarat during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 28th February, 1988;

(b) if so the names and details thereof; and

(c) how many of them belong to (i) Scheduled Castes (ii) Scheduled Tribes (iii) Freedom Fighters (iv) Ex-servicemen (v) women (vi) war widows (vii) backward communities and what are the names and details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir;

(b) and (c) The required information in respect of LPG distributorships and retail outlet dealerships is given in, respectively, Statements I and II (*See* below) The category pertaining to each has been indicated therein except for the cases listed at serial numbers 24 to 34 in statement II; the particulars in respect of these are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.